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Via email at awhelton@purdue.edu

Dear Dr. Whelton:

Thank you for your February 21, 2022, letter to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Michael Regan, regarding the Soapstone Valley Park Sewer Rehabilitation Project (Soapstone) located in Washington, DC.

In your letter, you encourage EPA to engage with the District of Columbia's Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE) regarding their air pollution discharge evaluation for the Soapstone project and raise concerns about the potential health and environmental impacts of this project, which uses the "cured-in-pipe" process (CIPP). You also reference a letter you sent to the Administrator on March 30, 2021, in which you shared your general concerns about the health and environmental impacts of CIPP.

As EPA noted in our May 6, 2021, response to your original letter, the CIPP process does not appear to be covered by current National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs) and is unlikely to meet the definition of a major stationary source (and thus require a major source permit). Additionally, DOEE bears primary responsibility for the implementation of air quality requirements within the District of Columbia, with EPA having an oversight role. EPA is committed to our partnership with DOEE's air permitting program and has already engaged with them on the Soapstone project. EPA will continue to support DOEE's evaluation of the Soapstone project to ensure all relevant provisions of the Clean Air Act are addressed appropriately.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 215-814-2178 or via e-mail at fernandez.cristina@epa.gov, or Matthew Willson of my staff, at 215-814-5795 or via e-mail at willson.matthew@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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